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PROMOTION OF AGRICULTURE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to give top priority to promote agriculture for employment generation in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has chalked out any scheme in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a)to(d): Government envisages to adopt policies to expand employment opportunities by creating a climate condusive to higher investment in Agriculture, including allied activities. The Union Budget for 2004-05 has identified the following items under thrust areas:

? Doubling agricultural credit in three years, accelerating the completion of irrigation projects and investing in rural infrastructure, providing farm insurance and livestock insurance, Improving agricultural product markets, and promoting agri-businesses.